MORTON GROVE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

APRIL - MAY 2023

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85 YEARS, 85 THINGS TO DO AT THE LIBRARY

DISCOVER A NEW TV SHOW • MAKE NEW FRIENDS AT STORYTIME • LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE USING MANGO • READ A BOOK IN A DIFFERENT LANGUAGE • SOCIALIZE AT ONE OF OUR EVENTS • HAVE A LIVELY DISCUSSION AT OUR BOOK DISCUSSION • CHALLENGE YOUR FRIENDS TO A GAME OF MARIO KART • GET BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OUR STAFF • EXPLORE A NEW ACTIVITY AT THE PLAY COUNTER • GET A LIBRARY CARD • PLAY A BOARD GAME • COLOR A PICTURE • PLAY AT THE TRAIN TABLE • START A BUSINESS • BOOK A STUDY ROOM FOR A MEETING OR STUDY GROUP • PARTICIPATE IN A READING PROGRAM • GET CREATIVE AT A CRAFT CLASS • EXPLORE LOCAL MUSEUMS WITH A MUSEUM PASS • CHECK OUT A USEFUL TOOL OR GADGET • HANG OUT IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL AREA • DO YOUR HOMEWORK IN A BOOTH IN THE KIDS DEPARTMENT • CATCH UP WITH THE LATEST NEWS AND GOSSIP WITH OUR MAGAZINE COLLECTION • ENJOY LIVE MUSIC AT ONE OF OUR CONCERTS • BINGE MOVIES WITH A SIMILAR THEME WITH BINGE BOXES • BRUSH UP ON YOUR COMPUTER SKILLS • KNIT OR CROCHET ITEMS FOR CHARITY • WATCH A MOVIE ON THE LARGE SCREEN • FAX, SCAN, OR MAKE COPIES OF YOUR DOCUMENTS • PLAN YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE WITH OUR TRAVEL BOOKS • READ OR STUDY BY OUR BAY WINDOWS • READ CLASSIC STORIES AS GRAPHIC NOVELS • PICK UP MATERIALS FROM OTHER LIBRARIES IN THE CONSORTIUM • FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA • START YOUR GENEALOGY JOURNEY • SCHEDULE ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP • READ TO A RAINBOW DOG • SING WITH MS. DEBBIE • CONVERT YOUR HOME VHS TAPES TO DVDS • GET HOMEWORK HELP WITH BRAINFUSE • ACCESS LINKEDIN LEARNING • BUILD A DUPLO TOWER IN YOUTH SERVICES • STUDY FOR THE DRIVERS LICENSE TEST • READ 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN • LEARN COORDINATE GEOMETRY AT MAD MATH SOCIETY • SOLVE THE GREAT LIBRARY MYSTERY • LEARN TO PLAY CHESS • GET A CUSTOMIZED LIST OF BOOK SUGGESTIONS • LEARN TAI CHI • EXPERIENCE VIRTUAL REALITY • PRACTICE ENGLISH WITH AN ESL LITERACY KIT • USE DATABASES FOR A SCHOOL PROJECT • PLAY MEMORY GAMES WITH TUMBLE BOOK LIBRARY • USE A STUDY ROOM FOR A ZOOM MEETING • LEARN EARLY LITERACY SKILLS AT WEE READ • READ THE MORNING PAPER WITH PRESSREADER • EXPLORE THE WORLD OF SPICES • WIND DOWN WITH A BEDTIME STORY • JOIN A BOOK CLUB • PRACTICE ACTING AT DRAMA CLUB • PRACTICE CHAIR YOGA • READ A PICTURE BOOK • JOIN AN ANIME CLUB • LEARN ABOUT CHEMISTRY AT A YOUTH SERVICES SCIENCE PROGRAM • BUILD A STEM PROJECT FROM THE STEMONADE STAND • SIGN UP TO GET SUBSCRIPTION BOXES FOR TEENS AND MIDDLE SCHOOLERS • COMPETE WITH OTHER SCHOOLS AT BATTLE OF THE BOOKS • USE LIGHTROOM TO EDIT YOUR PHOTOS • ACCESS DESIGN SOFTWARE LIKE INDESIGN AND ILLUSTRATOR • PICK UP YOUR AVAILABLE MATERIALS WITHOUT LEAVING YOUR CAR • CONVERT YOUR LPS INTO CDS • GET RESOURCES ON A VARIETY OF SOCIAL ISSUES • JUMP START YOUR JOB SEARCH WITH OUR JOB SEARCH TOOLKIT • GET BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS IN YOUR INBOX • CHECK OUT OUR BOOK DISPLAYS TO BROWSE BOOKS ON DIFFERENT TOPICS • LEARN HOW TO STREAM MOVIES AND MUSIC ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE • PICK UP PRINT JOBS YOU SENT FROM HOME • CHECK OUT GAMES FOR YOUR NEXT GAME NIGHT • WRITE A BOOK REVIEW FOR SERVICE HOURS • GET WORK DONE USING OUR FREE WI-FI • PICK UP BOOKS FOR YOUR CLASSROOM • BROWSE BOOKS IN RUSSIAN, POLISH, KOREAN, AND MORE • PRACTICE FOR THE U.S. CITIZENSHIP TEST • GEEK OUT ABOUT ALL THINGS ANIME • READ A BOOK WHILE TAKING A STROLL WITH STORYWALK

85 YEARS, 85 THINGS TO DO AT THE LIBRARY

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The Morton Grove Public Library is turning 85 years old! Help us celebrate with treats, trivia, and fun events in the next couple months.

Happy Birthday, MGPL!

Wednesday, April 26, 10 am–6 pm
Saturday, April 29, 1–5 pm

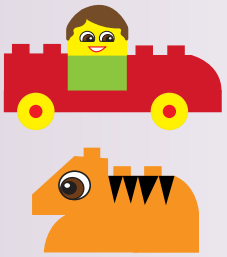
We're turning our MGPL Book Bike into a Cake Bike! Throughout the day, we will be biking to different locations in Morton Grove and giving away free cupcakes to new and existing MGPL cardholders who show us their library card. Everyone who stops by will be entered into a drawing for a gift card. Is the Cake Bike coming to your neighborhood? Follow us on social media to see where we'll be!

85 Years
85 Things to Do at The Library

1. Make new friends at storytime
2. Read a book in a different language
3. Get book recommendations from staff
4. Get creative at a craft class
5. Explore local museums with a museum pass
6. Brush up on computer skills
7. Read classic stories as graphic novels
8. Start your genealogy journey
9. Schedule one-on-one tech help
10. Learn a new language using Mango
11. Challenge your friends to a game of Mario Kart
12. Explore a new activity at the play counter
13. Check out a useful tool or gadget
14. Watch a movie on the large screen
15. Plan your next adventure with our travel books
16. Convert your home VHS tapes to a DVD
17. Read 1000 books before kindergarten
18. Practice English with an ESL literacy Kit
19. Build STEM projects from the STEMonade Stand
20. Learn early literacy skills at Wee Read . . .

To see the full list, go to mgpl.org/85-things

Build-A-Reader Storytime



Ages 3–5 with a parent/caregiver
Sundays, 3–3:30 pm
April 2: Things That Go
April 30: Jungle Animals
Join us for a fun storytime featuring one of our DUPLO Read & Build sets. Siblings are welcome, but build and craft supplies are limited to registrants. **R**

Monday Morning Playgroup

Birth to Age 5 with a parent/caregiver
Mondays, 10–11:30 am (No class April 24)
Drop in for some open-ended play and meet new friends at our weekly playgroup.

Bedtime Stories & More

Birth to Kindergarten with a parent/caregiver
Mondays, April 3 and May 1, 6:30–7 pm
Spend time winding down for bed with a few stories and songs.

Listen Up!

Birth to Kindergarten with a parent/caregiver
Tuesdays, 10–10:45 am
Listen to stories, sing songs, and more at this all-ages storytime!

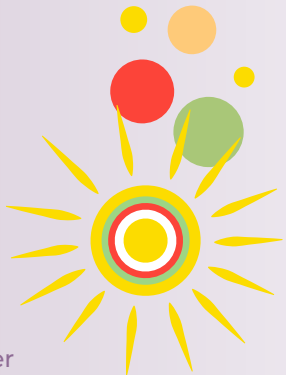
Toddler Time

Ages 24–36 months with a parent/caregiver
Wednesdays, April 5–19 and May 3–17
10–10:30 am
Get your little one acquainted with the Library at this two-riffic storytime. To attend, children must be between 24 and 36 months old at the time of the class.

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3–5 with a parent/caregiver
Thursdays, April 6–20 and May 4–18, 10–10:30 am
Stories, songs, activities, and more that are perfect for the school-ready child.

Wee Read



Birth to 24 months with a parent/caregiver
Fridays, 9:30–10:15 am or 11–11:45 am
(No class April 7)
Stories and songs for our littlest listeners. Please bring a tummy time mat or blanket for the baby. Older siblings welcome.

Family Storytime

Birth to Age 5 with a parent/caregiver
Saturdays, April 8 and May 6, 10–10:30 am
Sunday, April 23, 3–3:30 pm
Bring the whole family to this storytime filled with stories, songs, and fun.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

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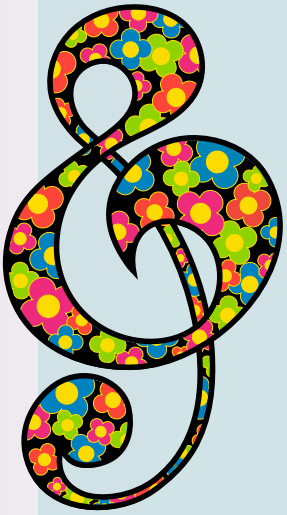
REGISTRATION begins March 15 for April events and April 15 for May events unless otherwise noted.

Mathematics Circus
Ages 3–5 with a parent/caregiver
Sundays, April 16 and May 14, 2–3 pm
Come one, come all to a math-tacular spectacular! We'll leap into mathematics with games, stories, and creative play that add up to a circus full of fun. **R**

Movin' & Groovin'
Ages 2–5 with a parent/caregiver
Saturdays, April 22 and May 20, 10–10:30 am
Wiggle, jiggle, and jump around to some of our favorite children's tunes. Scarves, shakers, and other musical instruments provided.



Preschool Concert: Sarah Jayne Lane Music
Birth to Age 7 with a parent/caregiver
Monday, April 24, 10–10:45 am
Celebrate your child at this fun, interactive concert full of catchy original tunes and dancing. Features percussion accompaniment by Morton Grove resident and musician Michael Tooles. **R**

StoryWalk
Head to the Library for some outdoor family fun. The pages of a book are arranged on numbered signs around the building. Take a stroll and enjoy the story at your own pace.

April: *Toasty* by Sarah Hwang

May: *Eyes that Speak to the Stars* by Joanna Ho

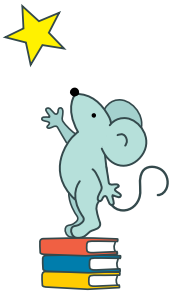
The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.

Mini Music Makers
Ages 2–5 with a parent/caregiver
Wednesdays, April 26 and May 31, 10–10:45 am
Feel the rhythm, hear the rhyme; it's Mini Music Maker time! **R**

Puppet Craft Storytime
Ages 3–5 with a parent/caregiver
Thursday, April 27, 10–10:45 am
A special puppet storytime for preschoolers. We'll make simple puppet crafts then use them in our storytime. **R**

Cuddle Bugs Baby Massage
Birth to 24 months with a parent/caregiver
Saturday, April 29, 10–10:45 am
Explore the health benefits and techniques of infant massage, stretching, and aromatherapy with certified infant massage instructor, Loredana Tomasello. This class will also include information on toddler techniques and parental self-care. **R**

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Storytime
Birth to Age 5 with a parent/caregiver
Sunday, May 21, 3–3:30 pm
Read stories, share favorite books, and more at this storytime for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten participants. Learn more about 1000 Books Before Kindergarten at **mgpl.org/1000books**.



Officer Friendly Storytime and Visit
Ages 2–7 with a parent/caregiver
Wednesday, May 24, 10–11 am
Enjoy a story, tour a police car, and learn about how to stay safe with a Morton Grove police officer. **R**

Tots Dealing with Big Feelings
Ages 3–5 with a parent/caregiver
Thursday, May 25, 10–10:30 am
Learn how to manage feelings through stories, songs, and activities and leave this storytime with strategies to handle overwhelming emotions. This session's theme: Patience **R**

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Lizard Science School

Grades K–8
Wednesday, April 5, 4:30–5:30 pm
Loyola University biologists present hands-on experiments and fun facts about lizards and other cold-blooded animals. **R**

Math Brigade

Grades K–2
Thursday, April 6, 4:30–5:30 pm
Discover math skills through active learning and work as a team to build something amazing. This month, we're counting coins. **R**

Anime Club

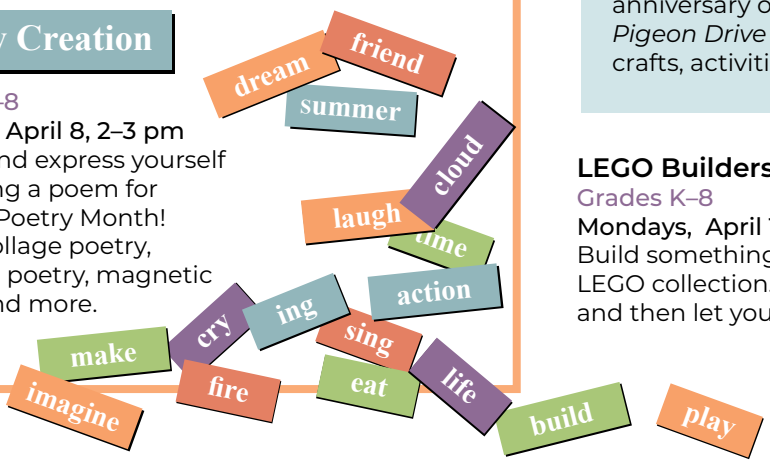
Grades 6–8
Thursdays, April 6 and May 4, 7–8 pm
A fun-filled hour of anime appreciation. We'll watch and talk about your favorite shows, draw, and enjoy all things anime. **R**

Crafty Saturday

All Ages
Saturdays, April 8 and May 13, 9:30 am–4:30 pm
Drop in the Youth Services Department to make a seasonal craft while supplies last.

Poetry Creation

Grades 3–8
Saturday, April 8, 2–3 pm
Drop in and express yourself by creating a poem for National Poetry Month! Try out collage poetry, black-out poetry, magnetic poetry, and more.



Read to a Rainbow Dog

Grades K-5
Tuesday, April 11 and May 9
7–8 pm
Trained therapy dogs patiently listen to your child as they read from a book of their choice. To register for a 15-minute session, visit" the Youth Services Desk or call 847-965-4220, option 2. **R**

Mad Math Society

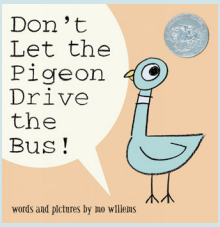
Grades 3–6
Wednesday, April 12, 4:30–5:30 pm
We are out to prove that math is secretly awesome with brain-bending fun and activities. This month, we're exploring 3-D geometry. **R**

Family Engineering Night

All Ages
Thursdays, 7–8 pm
April 13: Catapult Sports
May 25: Rubber Band Helicopters
Once a month, we turn a STEM idea into an engineering project. Projects are intended for school-aged kids and above, though younger children are welcome to participate with a grown-up. **R**

Don't Let the Pigeon!: A Celebration of Mo Willems

All Ages
Saturday, April 15, 2–3:30 pm
Drop by to celebrate the 20th anniversary of *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* with crafts, activities, and raffle prizes.



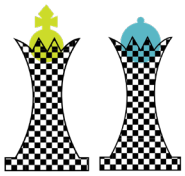
LEGO Builders

Grades K–8
Mondays, April 17 and May 15, 6:30–7:30 pm
Build something amazing with the Library's massive LEGO collection. Start with one of our monthly challenges and then let your imagination guide you in a free build. **R**

Drama Club
Grades 1-8
Tuesdays, April 18 or May 16, 7–8 pm
Bring out your inner drama queen or king and get creative with acting, improv, and theater games. **R**

Craftin' Around
Grades 4–8
Wednesdays, April 19 and May 17, 4:30–5:30 pm
Join us for an afternoon of craft-tastic fun! We will experiment with a different crafting skill each month to create fun projects. **R**

Chess Academy
Grades 1–8
Thursdays, April 20 and May 18
7–8 pm
Learn how to play chess with chess master Chris Christmas. All skill levels welcome. **R**



Crafternoon
Grades K–3
Monday, April 24, 4:30–5:30 pm
Join us for an afternoon of open-ended crafting with a wide variety of materials.

Mini Masterpieces
Grades 1–3
Wednesday, April 26, 4:30-–3:30 pm
Create like the great artists! We will look at the artwork of well-known artists and then use them as inspiration to create our own masterpieces. This session's artist: Joan Miro. **R**

Goofball Science Club
Grades 5-8
Friday, April 28, 4–5 pm: Terrible Robots
Tuesday, May 23, 4–5 pm: Elephant Toothpaste
Ever wish you could just do the fun parts of science experiments? Now you can! Join us for an hour of science time: now with more sparkles! **R**

STEMonade Stand™
Stop by the STEMonade Stand located at our Lincoln Avenue entrance for project kits to do at home. Each kit is sealed inside a zip-top bag with instructions and STEM connections. For more information and updates on bi-weekly projects, visit **mgpl.org/stemonade**. When life gives you lemons, make STEMonade.

LitLoot Middle School
Grades 6–8
May 1–14
LitLoot is a free literary subscription box filled with a custom selected library book and other goodies. To subscribe to May's box, register between May 1 and 14. We'll contact you when boxes are ready for pickup at the end of the month. Subscriptions are limited, so register early. **R**

Puzzle Gauntlet
Grades 4–8
Wednesday, May 10
4:30–5:30 pm

Jr. Puzzle Gauntlet
Grades 1–3
Thursday, May 11
4:30–5:30 pm

Do you have what it takes to beat the Puzzle Gauntlet? The Puzzle Master has devised a series of devious challenges to test your STEAM skills and cunning to the max. Should you triumph, you will unlock the snack-a-licious treasure stash. **R**

Purrrr-fect Crafts
Ages 5-9
Monday, May 22, 4:30–5:30 pm
Create cat-tastic crafts and have some fairy-tail fun inspired by the show, *Gabby's Dollhouse*. **R**

T-shirt Tote Bags
Grades 4-8
Wednesday, May 24, 4–5 pm
Make a no-sew tote bag for summer out of a t-shirt! You can bring your own or use one of our spares. **R**

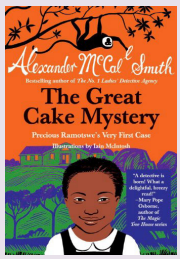
In-person events and mask requirements are subject to change based on guidelines from local and state authorities.

KIDS

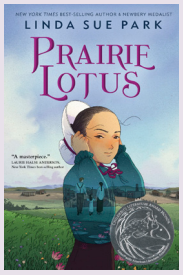
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Registration opens for each book club event on March 1. After you register, pick up your free copy of the book of the month at the Youth Services Desk.

Family Reads
Grades 1–3
Monday, April 24
6:45–7:30 pm
Read the book of the month aloud at home with your family. Then bring a grown-up with you to discuss and explore the story with a hands-on activity. This month's book: *The Great Cake Mystery: Precious Ramotswe's Very First Case* by Alexander McCall Smith. **R**

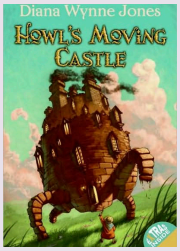


Mother-Daughter Book Club
Grades 4–6
Wednesday, April 19
7–8 pm
Bring your mother (or favorite female grown-up) with you for a discussion and activities connected to the book of the month: *Prairie Lotus* by Linda Sue Park. **R**



Guys Read
Grades 4–6
Wednesday, April 26
7–8 pm
Team up with your favorite grown-up for discussion and activities featuring the book of the month: *Loot* by Jude Watson. **R**

Books & Beyond
Grades 6–8
Thursday, April 27
6–8 pm
Read the book and then come to the Library to watch the movie. This month's book/movie is *Howl's Moving Castle* by Diana Wynne Jones. **R**



TEENS

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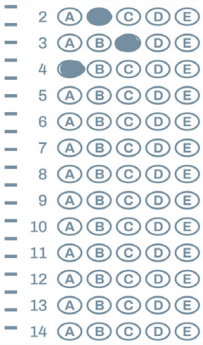
LitLoot
Grades 9–12
April 1–10
LitLoot is a free literary subscription box filled with a custom selected library book and other free goodies. Subscribe to April's box at **mgpl.org/events**. We'll contact you when your box is ready for pickup at the end of the month. Subscriptions are limited, so register early. Library card required. **R**

ACT/SAT Practice Test with Q&A
Saturday, April 1, 10–2 pm
Students can experience both tests to see which is the right fit for them then receive a detailed analysis of their performance from Excellerate Learning Studio. Parents may join us after the test for a brief presentation on 2022–23 College admission and test prep trends, followed by a Q&A. **R**



ANIME CLUB HIGH SCHOOL
Grades 9–12
Thursdays, April 20 and May 18
7-8 pm
A fun-filled hour of anime appreciation for high-schoolers. We'll watch and talk about your favorite shows, draw, and enjoy all things anime. **R**

ADULTS

Senior Activity Kit

Stay busy and keep your brain active with creative activities and informational materials for seniors. Available on the first of each month at the Info Desk while supplies last.

Adult ESL Literacy Kits

Practice English with monthly ESL Literacy Kits for adults. Each kit may contain vocabulary puzzles, idioms, suggested activities, or a short reading exercise, along with the monthly issue of *Easy English News* newspaper. Suitable for all skill levels. Available on the first of each month at the Info Desk while supplies last.

Self-Care Kits

In observance of Mental Health Awareness Month, these kits include resources and activities to encourage mindfulness and mental wellbeing. Available at the Info Desk in May while supplies last.

Mini Library Take & Make

Sunday, April 23
Celebrate National Library Week by creating your own mini library. Kits will be available at the Info Desk. First come first served, while supplies last. Return your completed library to the Info Desk by May 1st to be displayed until the end of May.

HEALTHY LIVING

Tai Chi (Online)
Mondays, April 3 and 17, May 1 and 15
9:30–10:15 am
Certified Tai Chi Instructor Erica Bough demonstrates Shibashi body movements, breathing exercises, and meditation to help reduce stress, restore balance, and increase flexibility. All experience levels welcome. Wear comfortable clothes. **R**

Chair Yoga (Online)
Fridays, April 14 and 28, May 12 and 26
9:30–10:30 am
Practice seated poses in one of the gentlest forms of yoga available, led by certified yoga instructor Susan Wilkens. All experience levels welcome. Wear comfortable clothes. Please use a sturdy chair without arms (if possible). **R**

Social Seniors

Join us in the Baxter Auditorium for a variety of fun activities. Seating is limited, so register early to guarantee your spot. **R**

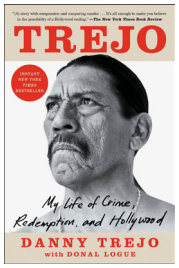
Bingo
Wednesdays, April 5 and May 3, 10–11 am
Socialize as you play. Small prizes will be awarded to those who Bingo!

Arts and Crafts
Wednesdays, 10–11 am
April 12: Faux Stained Glass
May 10: DIY Journals
Tap into your inner creativity with a fun and easy craft project.

Coloring & Brain Puzzles
Wednesdays, April 19 and May 17, 10–11 am
Relieve stress and stimulate your brain. Coloring supplies and puzzles will be provided.

Wits Workout
Wednesdays, April 26 and May 24, 10–11 am
Maintain and enhance your cognitive function and memory with this interactive event.

Danny Trejo talks Tacos, Hollywood, and Redemption (Online)
Tuesday, April 4, 7–8 pm
From being imprisoned to helping troubled youth battle addiction, Danny Trejo ventured into acting, producing, and the restaurant industry, making a name for himself in Hollywood and beyond. **R**



This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries offering high-quality events.

Skies Above Great Lakes (Hybrid)
Thursday, April 6
2–3 pm
Learn about how the Navy got involved with aviation, the World Wars, and the Great Lakes. Presented by Tricia Menwke of the Naval Aviation History at Naval Station Great Lakes. **R**

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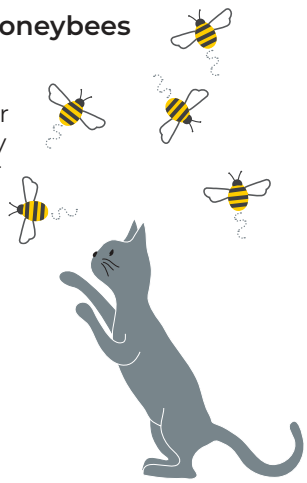
Crafting For Charity
Saturdays, April 8 and 22, May 13 and 27, 9:30–11:30 am
Create handmade knitted and crocheted crafts for local organizations. Please bring your needles and/or hooks and some acrylic yarn. Seating is limited, so guarantee your spot by registering ahead of time. **R**

What's the Buzz? All About Honeybees
Saturday, April 15, 10–11 am
Experienced beekeepers, Charles and Karen Lorence, will share their knowledge of honeybees and why they are so vital to people and our planet. **R**



Decoding the Mysteries of Cats, or Why Do They Do What They Do? (Online)
Tuesday, April 18, 7–8 pm
Join Feline Behaviorist Stephen Quandt for your chance to learn about ways to live with and enjoy your cat. (Zoom) **R**

Jack Box Game Nights (Hybrid)
Wednesdays, April 19 and May 17, 7–8:30 PM
Join us in person or at home for a fun-filled evening of virtual games from Jack Box. A smart-phone or tablet is required to participate. **R**

Cricut 101
Fridays, 10–11 am and 2–3 pm
April 21: Papercraft
May 19: Vinylcraft
Learn the basics of Cricut for your crafting needs. **R**

Secrets of the Puzzle Master: A Conversation with Will Shortz (Online)
Tuesday, April 25, 7–8 pm
Author/editor of more than 500 puzzle books, Will Shortz is the world's only academically accredited puzzle master. In honor of this event, Shortz has created a crossword puzzle all about Illinois. The puzzle will be emailed to all registrants after March 14. **R**

Crossword
Edited by Will Shortz
ACROSS
1 Corrupt
4 Outfielder Ty
8 Brainy
13 Amman's Queen ___ International Airport
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16 Talented newbie
17 Home-invading Gore?
19 Opera's birthplace
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21 Señor chaser?
23 Elevator pioneer Elisha
49 Visual gag character of British TV
52 Exchange of vows again for the Grim Reaper?
56 Railroad chartered in 1832
57 Old Testament prophecy book: Abbr.
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62 Remove gradually
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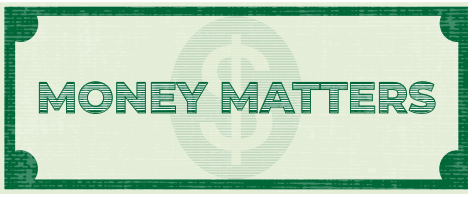


April is National Financial Literacy Month, so it's the perfect time to take control of your financial well-being and learn from expert speakers through this series of programs.

Credit Education (Hybrid)
Monday, April 3, 2–3 pm
Confused about credit? You are not alone! Speaker Arbel Hidoo of Inland Bank clears up common misconceptions about credit scores, payment history, and credit usage. **R**

Stocks are Risky, and So is Avoiding Them (Hybrid)
Tuesday, April 4, 2–3 pm
Craig Lemoine, Director of Financial Planning at the University of Illinois, and Randy Bruns, President of the Financial Planning Association of Illinois, discuss the myths and realities of investing and demonstrate strategies for managing wealth through challenging markets. **R**

Investing for Beginners (Online)
Wednesday, April 5, 6–7 pm
Tom Kilkenny, Weiss Financial Ratings, discusses stocks, mutual funds, money market accounts, managing your portfolio and much more. **R**

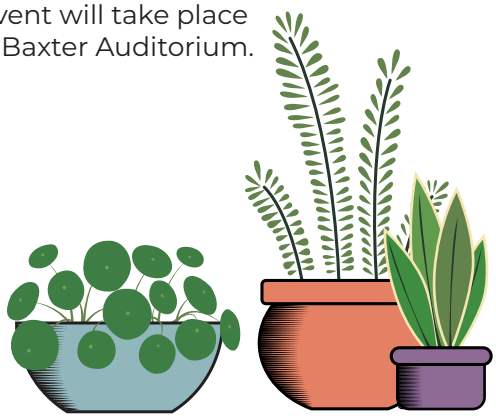
Property Tax 101 (Hybrid)
Thursday, April 13, 2–3 pm
Taxpayer advocate Andrea Raila explains how to lower property taxes, get tax exemptions and refunds, understand market value reassessment notices, use self-help links, and more. **R**

Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning Basics (Hybrid)
Monday, April 24, 2–3 pm
Attorney Jacob K. Ehrensaft will explain how to ensure your final wishes can be protected. Learn about wills, trusts, powers of attorney, probate and guardianship. Take the first step to create or update a plan that is appropriate for you. **R**

Plant Swap

Saturday, May 6, 10–11 am

Join us for our 3rd annual Morton Grove Plant Swap! Bring a healthy, rooted houseplant to trade with other plant enthusiasts. Be ready to share your plant's name and its light, soil, and water preferences. This event will take place in the Baxter Auditorium.



INDIE MOVIE NIGHT

Lunana: A Yak in the Classroom
Wednesday, April 5
6:30–8:20 pm
An aspiring singer living with his grandmother in Bhutan dreams of getting a visa to relocate to Australia. (2019, NR, 1 hr 50 min, Dzongkha w/ English subtitles) **R**

The Farewell
Wednesday, May 3, 6:30–8:10 pm
A family returns to China under the guise of a fake wedding to say goodbye to their grandmother who doesn't know she only has a few weeks to live. (2019, PG, 1 hr 40 min) **R**

TUESDAY MOVIES @ MGPL

Ticket to Paradise
Tuesday, April 4
10–11:45 am

The Woman King
Tuesday, April 11
10 am–12:15 pm

The Lost City
Tuesday, April 18
10–11:45 am

Devotion
Tuesday, April 25
10 am–12:15 pm

A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood
Tuesday, May 2
10–11:45 am

Armageddon Time
Tuesday, May 9
10–11:45 am

Three Thousand Years of Longing
Tuesday, May 16
10–11:45 am

Black Panther: Wakanda Forever
Tuesday, May 23
10 am–12:45 pm

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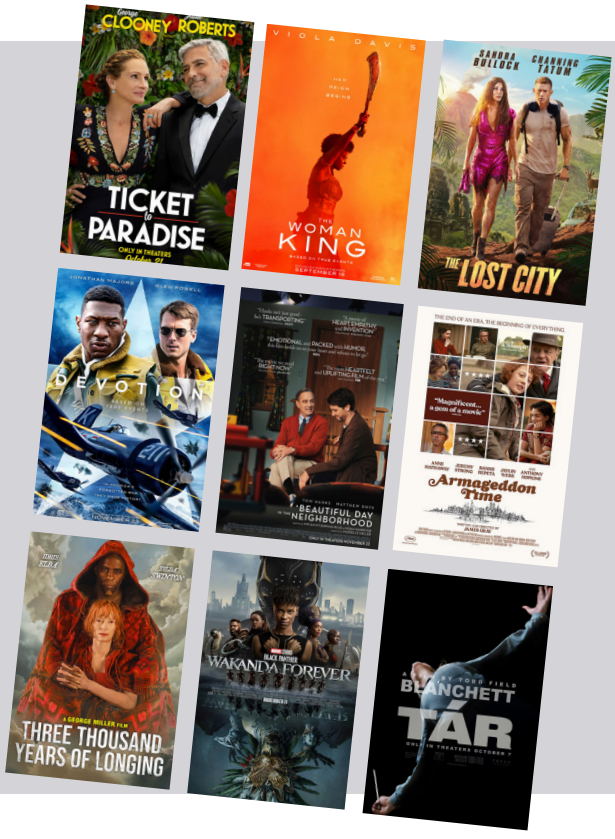
Tuesday, May 30
10 am–12:40 pm



ADULTS

R = Registration is required

CREATE A COMIC

Drawing Comics with Jarrett J. Krosoczka (Online)

Saturday, May 6, 10–11 am

Learn about drawing comics from the New York Times bestselling author/illustrator behind more than forty books for young readers, including the *Lunch Lady* graphic novels and *Hey, Kiddo*, a National Book Award Finalist. **R**

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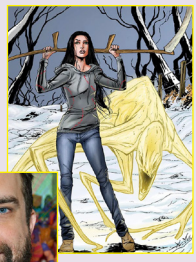
Kickstart Your Comic with Tim Seeley

Saturday, May 6, 2–3:30 PM



Celebrate Free Comic Book Day with a presentation from Chicago comic book artist and writer Tim Seeley, who will be discussing tips on how to create your very own comic book. **R**

Name That Tune (Online & Phone)

Wednesday, May 10, 10–10:30 am

In this virtual version of Name That Tune, participants listen (over the phone or via Zoom) to snippets of music then guess the name of the song. **R**

So You Want to Buy a Condo? (Hybrid)

Wednesday, May 10, 7–8:30 PM

Melanie Everett, founder of Melanie Everett & Company and Chris Kinsella, VP of Mortgage Lending at Guaranteed Rate, discuss the steps to buying your first condo. **R**

Mental Health Awareness Month: Self Help Techniques (Hybrid)

Monday, May 15, 7–8:30 pm

Sheri Williamson, Director of Counseling Services at Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center will present techniques to support your mental health. **R**

In-person events and mask requirements are subject to change based on guidelines from local and state authorities.

On Being Fabulous with Jonathan Van Ness and Kristi Yamaguchi (Online)

Wednesday, May 17, 7–8 pm

Queer Eye's Jonathan Van Ness and Olympic figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi discuss self-care, finding confidence, and being your most fabulous self. **R**

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COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Tech Talk: ChatGPT (Online)

Tuesday, April 18, 10–10:30 am

Learn about the wide range of tasks ChatGPT can perform, its humanlike way of conversing, and its implcations for the future. **R**

Using Google Chrome on Android Devices

Thursday, April 20, 2–3:30 pm

We'll show you features that let you search the Web and access your favorite sites with ease. **R**

Tech Talk: Comics Plus (Online)

Tuesday, May 2, 10–10:30 am

Learn how to access and download over hundreds of free comics and graphic novels using the Comics Plus app. **R**

Using Safari on iPhone and iPad

Wednesday, May 4, 2–3:30 pm

We'll show you features that let you search the Web and access your favorite sites with ease. **R**

File Management

Tuesday, May 16, 2–3 pm

We'll show you the basics of working with files and folders on a Windows 10 computer. **R**

One-on-One VR Experience

From fly fishing to a guided trip through Paris, virtual reality technology offers a wide range of immersive possibilities. Morton Grove cardholders can make an appointment to meet with a librarian who will showcase some of the unique experiences possible with VR using an Oculus Quest 2 headset. Fill out a request at **mgpl.org/book-a-librarian** or call 847-965-4220 to get started.

Concert: Elvis Memphis to Vegas
Sunday, May 21, 2–3 pm
With sharp attention to history, craftsmanship, choreography and authenticity, Hugo Colin recreates the best Elvis Tribute Artist show possible for both old and new fans. **R**

Exploring Spices (Online)
Cambodian Lemongrass Curry
Sunday, May 21, 2–3 pm
(Pickup starts May 1)
Explore spices from around the world in this flavorful bi-monthly event. Pick up the spice of the month and then discover the taste by making any dish of your choice. At the end of the month, we will meet over Zoom to share results and experiences. R

Betty White: A Lifetime of Laughter

Thursday, May 25, 2–3 pm
Film Historian Dr. Annette Bochenek discusses the early years, career highlights, and legacy of Betty White. The program will include a multimedia presentation of photos, video clips, and captivating stories. **R**

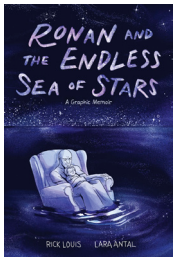
Guide Dogs for The Blind

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Readpool: Adult Graphic Novel Discussion Group

Ronan and the Endless Sea of Stars
by Rick Louis
Monday, April 24, 7–8 pm

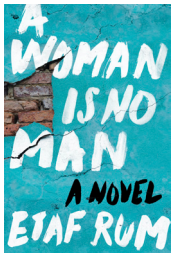
Readpool is a NEW adult graphic novel discussion group with a focus on challenging and acclaimed stories. **R**



Between the Lines

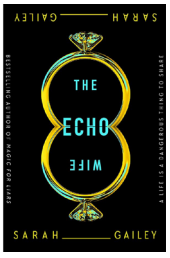
A Woman is No Man
by Etaf Rum
Thursday, May 18, 10–11 am (In Person)
Tuesday, May 23, 7 pm (Online)

Between the Lines is held on two different days, either in person or on Zoom. New members are always welcome! **R**

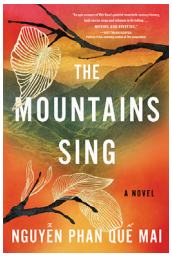


LitLounge (Online)

The Echo Wife
by Sarah Gailey
Wednesday, April 12
7:30–9 pm



The Mountains Sing
by Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai
Wednesday, May 10
7:30–9 pm

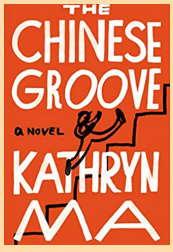


Meets monthly over Zoom. Cohosted with Skokie Public Library. **R**

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT BOOK PICKS

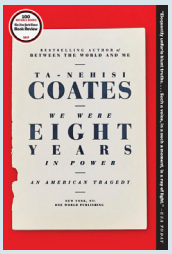
Visit **mgpl.org/civics** for staff-curated lists of resources related to a variety of topics. Not sure where to begin? We have selected a few titles to help you get started.

Immigrants and Refugees

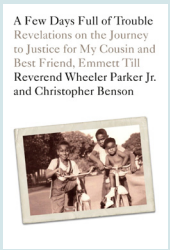


The Chinese Groove
by Kathryn Ma

Antiracism

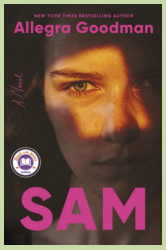


We Were Eight Years in Power
by Ta-Nehisi Coates


A Few Days Full of Trouble
Revelations on the Journey to Justice for My Cousin and Best Friend, Emmett Till
Reverend Wheeler Parker Jr. and Christopher Benson

A Few Days Full of Trouble
by Wheeler Parker

Gender



Sam
by Allegra Goodman

6140 Lincoln Avenue
Morton Grove, IL 60053–2989

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Events are subject to change and may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Call the Library at 847-965-4220 to confirm scheduled events.

LIBRARY **CLOSINGS**

Friday, April 7 for building maintenance
Sunday, April 9 for Easter
Sunday, May 28, and Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day

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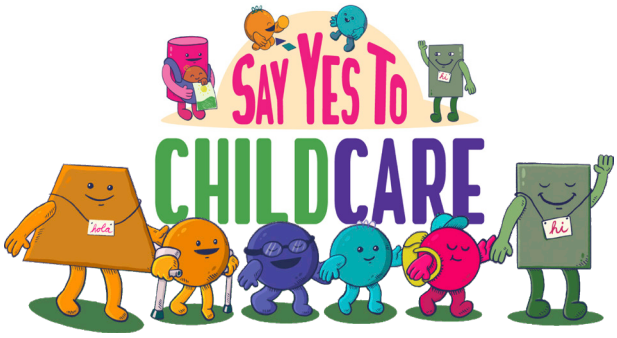

Learn about Our Local Partner!

Illinois has a childcare assistance program (CCAP) that provides financial support to help offset the cost of childcare for eligible families with kids ages 6 weeks to 13 years old. Say Yes to Child Care is an organization whose goal is to help families apply for the CCAP and find high-quality child-care in the North Cook County area.

Visit sayyestochildcare.org where you can find an eligibility calculator, video tutorials to assist in completing the CCAP application, and a list of CCAP providers in the northern Cook County area.